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Small Group Presentation Project

**The circle is so much more than a simple geometric shape.  It is a powerful symbol that reaches across cultures and time.  In this activity you will explore the meaning of this omnipresent symbol.**

You will include the following cultures as well as one additional culture of your choosing in your presentation:  Aboriginal, Asian, Buddhist, Celtic, Christian, Hindu, Judaic, Mesoamerican, Muslim, and Native America.

You must create a PowerPoint or other type of presentation that includes each of the required cultures.

The product must include **at least one photograph of a circle symbol for each culture with a citation for each photograph and a brief explanation of the symbol and its significance to the culture.**

A bonus will be given for those groups who add a "Circles in Nature" category which includes a picture, citation, and note explaining the appearance of circles in nature.

Groups will draft, revise, and complete plans for group project presentations

Be sure to include a title slide, and a credits slide.

Recommended sites:

 Mandalas Universal across Cultures

<http://yogainmyschool.com/2009/12/26/mandalas-universal-across-cultures/>

The Mandala Project   <http://www.mandalaproject.org/Index.html>

What's Your Sign: Circle Symbol Meanings  <http://www.whats-your-sign.com/circle-symbol-meaning.html>

Symbols and Their Meanings    <http://www.crossroad.to/Books/symbols1.html>

Kiva Circle Painting     <http://www.kiva.org/team/circle_painting>

My Blog Circle Painting   <http://myblogofart.blogspot.com/2009/02/circle-painting.html>

Circle Painting: Hiep Nguyen (Video)  <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PeCDBsmH-R0>

The Great Circle Project   <http://circlepainting.blogspot.com/>

Symbols of the Center   <http://www.youarethat.org/library01/symbols-center.htm>

Buddhist Symbols   <http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art46937.asp>

Pennsylvania Dutch Hex Signs <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~aferm/pennsylvania/hex.htm>

The Art and Magic of Hex Signs <http://www.squidoo.com/hex-signs>

Designs with Circles <http://mathforum.org/alejandre/circles.html>